

MINUTES
TOWN OF FORT MILL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2015
7:00 PM

Present: Councilmen Huntley, Helms, Adams, Shirey, Councilwoman Savage and McCarley, Mayor Funderburk, Manager Pieper, Attorney Mack

Absent: Councilwoman McCarley

Guests: Town Engineer, Paul Mitchell, Public Works Director, Davy Broom, Planning Director, Joe Cronin, Assistant Planner, Chris Pettit, Operations Director, Jeff Hooper, Municipal Clerk, Dana Powell

Mayor Funderburk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Adams gave the invocation and the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councilman Huntley made a motion to approve the May 11 minutes with a second by Councilwoman Savage. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Funderburk opened the meeting for public comments. No comments were received. Mayor Funderburk closed the public comment section of the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Fort Mill Community Playhouse Funding Request: Rick Dyack, represented the Fort Mill Community Playhouse in asking for support for renovation and funding from Town Council. Mr. Dyack provided a history of the Fort Mill Community Playhouse explaining the nonprofit and self-supporting organization. The lease that the FM Community Playhouse held with Leroy Springs was recently terminated and as a result they are looking for a new home. The Center Theater is the more appealing to the organization as they have signed a letter of intent. However, projected work needed to the building is estimated at \$354,600.00. Mr. Dyack asks for Councils support for parking, zoning review, property taxes, and promotions and funding to get started. The amount needed to start working on the building totals \$25,725.00. They have not signed a lease yet and would like to know the next step from Council. Mayor Funderburk asks Mr. Dyack and the rest of the committee members to be patient with Council as they consult with staff members regarding this request. Councilman Adams asked how much the committee holds in funding. Mr. Dyack advises they currently have \$10,000.00. Councilwoman Savage stated her appreciation of a complete and compressive report provided by the Community Playhouse members. Councilman Huntley stated his positive experience in attending past shows.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Fort Mill and the Catawba Regional Council of Governments and the Catawba Regional Development Corporation for professional services and technical assistance related to the Neighborhood Initiative Program: Jason Vance, Planner for Catawba Regional, requests approval for the presented Memorandum. After presenting Council with a brief presentation of funding he explains that 2-3 properties have been identified for assistance. Mayor Funderburk asked if maintenance of the properties would be an issue. Town Manager, Dennis Pieper, explains that the lots are not large, therefore they do not expect maintenance to be an issue. Councilman

Adams made a motion to approve the Memorandum as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

2. Request to approve an easement across town property for the Carolina Thread Trail: Travis Morehead provides an overview for Council. Mayor Funderburke asked if the Town would be expected to maintain this area. Mr. Morehead explains that the maintenance would fall to the easement holder. Councilwoman Savage asked about liability concerns. Mr. Morehead clarified that the Town is covered under state liability coverage. Mr. Morehead also confirmed that the trail would be under the bridge on 21 and materials used to build the trail would be of natural compacted earth. Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the easement request as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.
3. An ordinance authorizing amendments to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of waterworks and sewer system refunding and improvement revenue bonds of the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto" enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina on June 17, 1998, as amended, and other matters relating thereto: Councilwoman Savage made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shirey. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.
4. An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of waterworks and sewer system improvement revenue bonds of the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina to be designated series 2015, and other matters related thereto: Councilman Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Savage. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.
5. An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Fort Mill so as to change the zoning designation for York County Tax Map Numbers 020-11-01-110 and 020-11-01-111, containing approximately 7.6 +/- acres located at 1462 and 1466 N Dobys Bridge Road, from R-15 Residential to HC Highway Commercial: Councilwoman Savage made a motion to deny the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shirey. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.
6. An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Fort Mill so as to change the zoning designation for York County Tax Map Number 020-04-35-081, containing approximately 2.03 +/- acres located at the end of Bozeman Drive, from TC Transitional Commercial to GR-A General Residential: Planning Director, Joe Cronin, clarifies that this property is owned by the FM Housing Authority and the rezoning would allow them to construct additional dwelling units. Councilman Helms made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.
7. An ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Fort Mill so as to change the zoning designation for York County Tax Map Number 020-04-04-004, containing approximately 0.7 +/- acre located at 314 N White Street, from R-15 Residential to GI General Industrial: Councilman Adams stated that he would like to explore other options for this property owner. Councilwoman Savage made a motion to postpone the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Helms. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Planning Director, Joe Cronin, advises that the Planning Commission is drafting the ordinances for the Impact Fee and Capital Improvement. They expect to have the final version by June 23. The Planning Commission has requested a joint workshop with Council. Town staff members will coordinate a meeting date and time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilwoman Savage and seconded by Councilman Huntley. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council entered into executive session at 7:43 pm.

Council returned to chambers and Mayor Funderburk called the meeting back to open session at 8:42 am. Mayor Funderburk stated that “no action was taken in executive session.”

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Funderburk congratulated Councilwoman McCarley on her recognition as Citizen of the Year.

Councilwoman Savage welcomed new restaurant Hobo's and stated how well Main St. was looking. Mrs. Savage stated the need for additional benches on Main St. now that new business are coming in. Councilwoman Savage asked about parking for the Slide the City event to take place in June.

Councilman Adams stated that he is looking forward to the Strawberry Festival.

Councilman Helms also stated he was looking forward to the Strawberry Festival and extended his welcome to Hobo's.

Councilwoman McCarley advised that the Pancake breakfast is a great way to start the festival and get transportation from the school to the Strawberry Festival. Mrs. McCarley also extended her thank you to the Fire and Police Departments for all they do.

Councilman Shirey has received increased communication on the Slide for City and looks forward to the event. He also recently attended the History Days and thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Mayor Funderburk also attended the Fort Mill History Days and stated the event was well attended.

Councilman Huntley stated the affected HOA's have called him with concerns/questions regarding the Slide the City event.

Councilwoman Savage advised a welcome letter for new businesses would be beneficial.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Savage and seconded by Councilman Adams. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Powell
Municipal Clerk